



As drug abuse and overdose deaths from opioids and Fentanyl rise nationally, Chesterfield has ramped up its efforts to break the vicious cycle. A [public service announcement](#) was created through a partnership between Chesterfield County Police, Fire and EMS, the Sheriff's Office, Mental Health Support Services and Chesterfield Substance Abuse Free Environment Inc. The Sheriff's Office's Heroin Addiction Recovery Program, or HARP, helps recovering heroin addicts who are incarcerated at the county jail, and has seen great success. And, another [partnership between Chesterfield, Powhatan and Colonial Heights](#) resulted in free drug-deactivation pouches to help people safely dispose of tablets, liquid or patch medications.



Opioid public service announcement

In March 2017, the Chesterfield County Police Department earned accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. This designation is the result of four years of efforts to achieve CALEA best practices, including service delivery, crime prevention and personnel practices.

To help build trust between the community and police department, body cameras were issued in March 2017 to some patrol officers, school resource officers, detectives and others. Community policing, a priority in Chesterfield, was center stage in FY2017 with a video segment highlighting the everyday interaction police have with businesses and residents. Hear from officers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

